



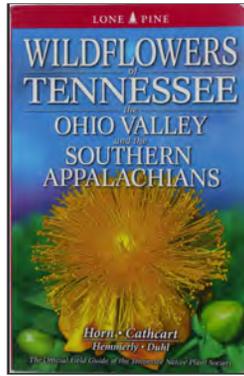
Bud



In keeping with the imminent spring season. . . how would you define "bud?" It's "an undeveloped shoot or flower" according to [Plant Identification Terminology](#) by James G. and Melinda Woolf Harris. The [Kew Plant Glossary](#), by Henk Beentje, defines "bud" as "a meristem (either apical or lateral) in early development or resting stages, with its protective coverings; immature shoot, usually protected by scales or prophyll(s), or immature flower, protected by bracts, bracteoles and/or perianth segments." (That's a mouthful of a definition -- one that requires looking up the definitions of words used in this definition!)

I'm just beginning to see some expansion of leaf buds and flower buds -- such as the flower buds on a Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*).

Field Guide to Wildflowers



Dennis Horn and Tavia Cathcart have written a superb field guide titled Wildflowers of Tennessee, the Ohio Valley and the Southern Appalachians. The color photos are excellent and each plant's description includes intriguing notes about the wildflowers, as well as related species of that wildflower. A color key with small versions of the plant photos can be used to help with identifying a plant you have found. There are over 800 photographs and information on more than 1,250 species.

Mystery Plant Confirmed



Conrad Harstine correctly identified Mystery Plant 086 as Yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentukea*). This relatively small tree's flowers are so beautiful that I purchased two plants for the land near my house. I'm waiting for them to mature enough to bloom.

Mystery Plant

What is the name of this plant? ([There are more images on the website.](#))





When you can identify this plant, provide your response at [IdentifyThatPlant.com](https://www.identifythatplant.com) as a comment for the blog entry called [Mystery Plant 087](#). Please identify the plant by both its common name and its scientific name. The answer will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

Confidently master the skill of correct plant identification

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